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Docket No. GC530-2

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Nathaniel T. Becker et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1615
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Serial No. 09/285,632)	Examiner: Susan Tran
)	
Filed: April 2, 1999)	
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For: MODIFIED STARCH COATING)	

AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2001, with a shortened statutory date for response set at February 18, 2001, please consider the following amendment and comments. This response is considered timely. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, until April 18, 2001, accompanies this communication.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 28 - 40, 43 - 45 and 49.

Please add the following new claims.

53. The coating of claim 23, wherein the modified starch includes a hydroxypropyl substitution.

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